S. No.	Projects	Progress as on 31.3.95	Target date of completion
2.	Viramgam-Mahesana gauge conversion (Bhildi-Viramgam route)	Preliminary arrangements to start the work are being made	1995-96
3.	Rajkot-Verval gauge conversion	-do-	1998-99
4.	Wankaner-Maliya Miyana gauge conversion	-do-	1995-96
5.	Gandhidham-Bhuj gauge conversion	-do-	IXth Plan
6.	Kapadvanj-Modasa new BG line	Work has been resumed.	IXth Plan

by 1998-99.

(b) Rs. 100 crores.

(c) The following lines are planned to be converted to broad gauge in 1995-96:-

(i) Wankaner-Maliya Miyana

(ii) Viramgam-Mahesana

(iii) Delhi-Ahmedabad

Introduction of a Shatabdi Express Type Train in S.C. Railway

6285. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal in introduce a Shatabdi Express type of train between Secunderabad and Visakhapatnam in the South Central Railway in 1995-96;

(b) if so, the schedule of such train;

(c) whether such a train could be introduced in the initial stages on Saturday and Sundays; and

(d) the steps proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) There is no proposal at present.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Increasing the speed of trains on the pattern of Japanese trains

6286. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govrnment has formulated any scheme to increase the speed of trains in the country on the pattern of trains in Japan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c) Railways have been progressively increasing the speed of Express trains. The present maximum speed of 140 kmph is planned to be increased to 160 kmph. Further increase of speed will be considered after stabilisation of the speed level of 160 kmph and after taking account the various factors, such as, investment requirement, technology, safety requirements, its affect on the freight operations etc.